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1. - entire text.
2. One of topics discussed yesterday (July 23) with Army Commander Galtieri--also Junta President--was impact on the international front of several missing Argentines in Peru. Galtieri took the posture that this was just another illustration on how a few militant, left-wing "do gooder" organizations were conspiring to do Argentina in. He stated the matter was not worthy of discussion as there was no merit to charges. Despite my continued prodding, Galtieri didn't budge and with the wave of the hand said "enough is enough."
3. This morning at ten am (July 24) I discussed matter with Admiral Lambruschini, Navy Commander, who pleaded ignorance over subject. He assured me Navy wouldn't have

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any involvement on this type of operation.

4. On July 10 I discussed this subject with General Viola (R), leading candidate for Argentina's presidency, effective March 1981. Viola's defense was that he had been retired from military service for some time; therefore he would not be privy to any operation of this nature.

5. COMMENT: I covered the water front, but it is apparent GOA has come forth with a left-handed "general denial." I made it clear these rumors plus supposedly GOA's aiding and abetting of the Bolivian coup could tend to slow down improvement of relations between Argentina and USG. I got the feeling there is a full awareness of the problem in hand, but GOA tends to view this with the approach "all is fair in war, and war is war."

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